GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:105
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2005
RELAXATION IN JOURNEY RULES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced relaxations in journey rules for passengers starting journey from the station falling between originating and destination stations as reported in the Hindustan Times dated January, 09, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for relaxation in rules;

(c) whether such move of the Railways has increased difficulties for general/reserved ticket holding passengers;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether general ticket holding passengers have to take prior permission of TTEs before boarding the train;

(f) if so, the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to ensure the availability of ticket examiners in trains at each station; and

(g) the corrective measures taken/to be taken by the Government to save the passengers from the inconveniences caused by such move of the Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.105 BY SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH & SHRIMATI NIVEDITA MANE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.03.2005 REGARDING RELAXATION IN JOURNEY RULES.

(a) to (g): The boarding procedure from intermediate stations for passengers, who do not possess any waitlisted or reserved ticket, has been slightly modified with effect from 1st January, 2005 according to which such passengers will purchase the journey ticket for IInd /Ist class depending upon the class in which they desire to travel instead of purchasing the platform ticket as earlier. There is no change in boarding procedure for those passengers who possess reserved/waitlisted tickets. These modifications were made in the administrative interest. There has been no perceptible inconvenience to the passengers as instead of platform ticket,they have to purchase the journey ticket for their journey from any of the current booking counters. There is no change in boarding procedure as far as asking permission from the Travelling Ticket Examiner (TTE) is concerned as no passenger irrespective of the ticket he possesses is allowed to board a reserved coach without the permission of the TTE if he does not have the confirmed reserved ticket for that coach. Regarding improving the availability of the coach manning ticket examiners, the Railways have taken the following steps:-

(a) Additional posts of ticket checking staff are being created.

(b) Vacancies in the ticket checking cadre are being filled up.